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In re Patent Application of:
William T. Donofrio et al.

Application No.: 09/879,319

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: FINGER OPERATED SWITCH FOR
CONTROLLING A SURGICAL HANDPIECE

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM
ISSUE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.313 (c)(3)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. The Issue Fee in this application was timely paid on January 20, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or (i) is enclosed.

Petitioner respectfully petitions that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue in order to permit consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (Request for Continued Examination with an Information Disclosure Statement) a copy of which is enclosed.

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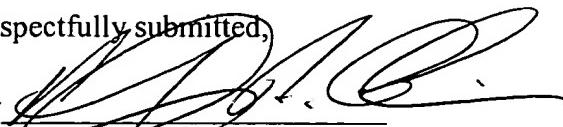
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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